(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are examining other options with regard to repayment of World Bank loan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to amend Major Port Trust Act, 1993 for this purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (f) The Government have decided to corporatise the major ports starting with Jawaharlal Nehru Port. The modalities and equity structure in respect of Jawaharlal Nehru Port is yet to be formulated.

Purchase of Oil Carriers by SCI

3341. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India has placed order for purchase of four Aframax Oil Carriers from South Korean based Hyundai Shipyard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the SCI has made any external commercial borrowing for this purpose during 1999-2000;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total oil carrier capacity of Shipping Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The SCI has a fleet of 27 crude oil tankers of 22.93 lakhs DWT.